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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF ROBERTO GALVEZ, MANAGER OF CORN PRODUCTS,
AMERICAN COMPANY.

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED RELIABLE INFORMATION THAT ROBERTO GALVEZ, GUATEMALA CITY GENERAL MANAGER OF CORN PRODUCTS AN AMERICAN COMPANY, WAS KIDNAPPED ON JUNE 18,1973. HE WAS RELEASED AFTER THE PAYMENT OF \$50,000 RANSOM. HE IMMEDIATELY LEFT COUNTRY AND IS BELIEVED TO BE IN COSTA RICA. HIS WIFE AND FAMILY PLAN TO JOIN HIM IN FLORIDA DURING THE COMING WEEKEND. MRS. GALVEZ ADVISES THAT SHE WILL CONVINCE HER HUSBAND TO EXPLAIN TO US AUTHORITIES ALL DETAILS CONCERNING THE KIDNAPPING AFTER THEY ARE IN THE US. SHE WAS FURNISHED THE NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF JOSEPH JOYNER, SAIC MAIMI FIELD OFFICE, AS THE PERSON TO CONTACT WHEN THEY ARE READY TO RELATE THEIR STORY. JOYNER RESIDENCE NUMBER WAS ALSO FURNISHED TO MRS. GALVEZ.

2. THE FAMILY IS EXTREMELY SHAKEN AND NOW REALIZE THEY SHOULD HAVE NOTIFIED THE AUTHORITIES HERE INSPITE OF WARNINGS TO THE CONTRARY BY THE KIDNAPPERS. THE KIDNAPPERS ALLEGEDLY IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS MEMBERS OF THE FAR. DREYFUSS

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